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FOR INGERSOLL FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REVIEW OF A.I.D. PROGRAMS

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM AID WASHINGTON, PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION OF FY 76 PROGRAM FOR PHILIPPINES CONSIDERABLY BELOW CURRENT AID LEVELS (EG. DEVELOPMENT LOAN FOR FY 76 TWELVE-MONTH CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION REDUCED TO \$22 MILLION (EXCLUDING SHELF ITEMS) COMPARED TO \$47 MILLION EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

2. I FIND THIS HARD TO UNDERSTAND ESPECIALLY IN ABSENCE CONSULTATIONS WITH FIELD. WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITH GOP RIGHT NOW WITHOUT SIGNALLING FURTHER WANING U.S. INTEREST IN PHILIPPINES.

3. I WOULD, THEREFORE, BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD HAVE SOMEONE LOOK AT AID CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION WITH VIEW TO RESTORING PROGRAM TO AT LEAST CURRENT LEVELS, I.E., NOT LESS THAN \$50 MILLION TOTAL AID PROGRAM.
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